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Husband & wife Attorneys David & Gwen Walkowiak and their legal team at **DHW LAW, PA** concentrate in family-based immigration issues. They state that historically, family reunification has been the principal policy underpinning US immigration law. Family-based immigration, a tightly regulated system, allows for close relatives to US Citizens and Legal Permanent Residents to rejoin their families here in America.

David & Gwen advise both the beneficiary and the petitioning relative regarding documentation requirements and all legal issues. Their office routinely prepares and submits the necessary paperwork for the USCIS and State Department. They can also help in preparation for the USCIS or consular interview and, if you are in the area, they can represent you at the interview. They also address political assylum/refugee matters as well as the defense of deportation & removal procedures. Other areas of interest include personal injury, civil law, divorce, wills, foreclosure & real estate and bankruptcy.

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Attorney Esposito has been practicing law for 24 years, specializing in commercial & civil litigation, employment & labor law, both for management & employees, business formation & dispute resolution, as well as contract negotiation, restrictive covenants & discrimination claims. She is experienced in federal & state litigation, public & private sector administrative hearings & EEOC charges & investigations. www.lesposito.com



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Stratton believes that good plans must reflect the values of the clients for whom they are designed, and they must allow clients to retain control of their estates during lifetime, provide for themselves and their families if disabled, give their property to whom they want, when they want and in the way they want, while minimizing estate taxes and other expenses. A high-percentage of Stratton's clients are well-to-do individuals and families. With over 30 years of experience, he is listed as an "AV" rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, and holds his LLM in Taxation from Boston University School of Law.

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Fred has over 18 years of family law trial experience, and is known to many as "Captain Child Support" due to his vast experience handling child support cases - from Administrative D.O.R. hearings to inter-state support proceedings (and he frequently instructs CLEs in these areas). He is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Law Mediator, trained in Collaborative Law, accepts appointments as a Guardian Ad Litem for children, and is qualified and serves as a Parenting Coordinator in both Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties to help parents successfully co-parent after breakup. Visit: www.hunterlawgroup.com



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Attorney Harper actively engages with clients and immerses himself in their businesses to understand, build and implement technology and intellectual property driven strategies that add bottom-line value. This allows him to use creative strategies to expand on the potential of new ideas in virtually any technology. He helps inventors, entrepreneurs, start-ups & corporations protect and defend their IP rights. He also helps his clients obtain patents, trademarks & copyright registrations, representing his clients in Federal Court. His firm provides legal services in a responsive, personalized manner, closely tailored to each client's needs. Visit: harperiplaw.com

ESTATE PLANNING

ATTORNEY GLORIA GODSEY's goal is to serve you & your family's estate planning needs. She personalizes each plan she develops to best accomplish your personal & professional objectives. Offering meticulously crafted & customized estate plans, Gloria places a high-emphasis on life-time planning, to ensure her client's lifestyle throughout the remainder of their life.

Services provided for traditional & non-traditional couples & partners include drafting simple wills, living trusts, powers of attorney, health care proxies, planning for transfers of wealth, asset protection, nursing home care, asset protection, drafting various types of irrevocable trusts for estate tax planning, education funding, advice on appropriate form of business entity, drafting life insurance trusts, charitable trusts, family business transfers and executive estate planning. Other areas Gloria regularly handles include creating private foundations, charitable supporting organizations and not-for-profit corporations. House & office calls are readily available.

IMMIGRATION LAW

EMEL ERSAN IMMIGRATION LAW OFFICE is renowned for their ability to handle complex immigration matters. They believe that the strength and depth of their practice, their client relationships, and the quality and experience of their staff give them a significant competitive advantage.

With 23 years of experience, Attorney Emel Ersan is compassionate and understands the intricacies of the US immigration process and strives to help her clients every step of the way. She provides legal services to individuals, families and companies located anywhere in the US and all over the world. Services include employment-based and family-based immigration, as well as naturalization applications and deportation & removal proceedings. Emel focuses on corporate and individual clients, including multinational companies transferring employees, EB-5 foreign investors and entertainers/artists. She takes pride in the long lasting relationships that have been forged with her clients and consistently strives to help each client achieve their objectives by solving their most complex immigration issues. Visit: www.lawyerersan.com



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